



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 9

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**AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR GENERAL GOVERNMENT.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 12-71e of the 2022 supplement to the general
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective from passage*):

4 (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of any special act, municipal
5 charter or home rule ordinance, (1) for the assessment year commencing
6 October 1, 2016, the mill rate for motor vehicles shall not exceed 39 mills,
7 [and] (2) for the assessment [year] years commencing October 1, 2017,
8 [and each assessment year thereafter] to October 1, 2020, inclusive, the
9 mill rate for motor vehicles shall not exceed 45 mills, and (3) for the
10 assessment year commencing October 1, 2021, and each assessment year
11 thereafter, the mill rate for motor vehicles shall not exceed 32.46 mills.

12 (b) Any municipality or district may establish a mill rate for motor
13 vehicles that is different from its mill rate for real property and personal
14 property other than motor vehicles to comply with the provisions of this
15 section. No district or borough may set a motor vehicle mill rate that if
16 combined with the motor vehicle mill rate of the town, city, consolidated
17 town and city or consolidated town and borough in which such district
18 or borough is located would result in a combined motor vehicle mill rate

19 (1) above 39 mills for the assessment year commencing October 1, 2016,
20 [or] (2) above 45 mills for the assessment [year] years commencing
21 October 1, 2017, to October 1, 2020, inclusive, or (3) above 32.46 mills for
22 the assessment year commencing October 1, 2021, and each assessment
23 year thereafter.

24 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of any special act, municipal
25 charter or home rule ordinance, a municipality or district that set a
26 motor vehicle mill rate prior to October 31, 2017, for the assessment year
27 commencing October 1, 2016, may, by vote of its legislative body, or if
28 the legislative body is a town meeting, the board of selectmen, revise
29 such mill rate to meet the requirements of this section, provided such
30 revision occurs not later than December 15, 2017.

31 (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 12-112, any board of
32 assessment appeals of a municipality that mailed or distributed, prior to
33 October 31, 2017, bills to taxpayers for motor vehicle property taxes
34 based on assessments made for the assessment year commencing
35 October 1, 2016, shall hear or entertain any appeals related to such
36 assessments not later than December 15, 2017.

37 (e) For the purposes of this section, "municipality" means any town,
38 city, borough, consolidated town and city, consolidated town and
39 borough and "district" means any district, as defined in section 7-324.

40 Sec. 2. Subsection (c) of section 4-66*l* of the 2022 supplement to the
41 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
42 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

43 (c) (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, [and each fiscal year
44 thereafter,] motor vehicle property tax grants to municipalities that
45 impose mill rates on real property and personal property other than
46 motor vehicles greater than 45 mills or that, when combined with the
47 mill rate of any district located within the municipality, impose mill
48 rates greater than 45 mills, shall be made in an amount equal to the
49 difference between the amount of property taxes levied by the

50 municipality and any district located within the municipality on motor
51 vehicles for the assessment year commencing October 1, 2017, and the
52 amount such levy would have been if the mill rate on motor vehicles for
53 said assessment year was equal to the mill rate imposed by such
54 municipality and any district located within the municipality on real
55 property and personal property other than motor vehicles.

56 (2) Not later than fifteen calendar days after receiving a property tax
57 grant pursuant to this section, the municipality shall disburse to any
58 district located within the municipality the amount of any such property
59 tax grant that is attributable to the district.

60 (3) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, and each fiscal year
61 thereafter, motor vehicle property tax grants shall be made to:

62 (A) Municipalities that imposed mill rates greater than 32.46 mills on
63 real property and personal property other than motor vehicles for the
64 preceding fiscal year, in an amount equal to the difference between (i)
65 the amount of property taxes the municipality would have levied on
66 motor vehicles for the preceding fiscal year if the mill rate imposed on
67 motor vehicles for such year was 32.46 mills, and (ii) the amount of
68 property taxes the municipality would have levied on motor vehicles
69 for the preceding fiscal year if the mill rate imposed on motor vehicles
70 for such year was equal to the mill rate imposed on real property and
71 personal property other than motor vehicles for such year; and

72 (B) Districts that imposed mill rates that, when combined with the
73 mill rate of the municipality in which the district is located, were greater
74 than 32.46 mills on real property and personal property other than
75 motor vehicles for the preceding fiscal year, in an amount equal to the
76 difference between (i) the amount of property taxes the district would
77 have levied on motor vehicles for the preceding fiscal year if the mill
78 rate imposed on motor vehicles for such year, when combined with the
79 mill rate imposed on motor vehicles for such year by the municipality
80 in which the district is located, was 32.46 mills, and (ii) the amount of
81 property taxes the district would have levied on motor vehicles for the

82 preceding fiscal year if the mill rate imposed on motor vehicles for such
83 year, when combined with the mill rate imposed on motor vehicles for
84 such year by the municipality in which the district is located, was equal
85 to the mill rate imposed by the district on real property and personal
86 property other than motor vehicles for such year.

87 Sec. 3. Section 5-156a of the 2022 supplement to the general statutes
88 is amended by adding subsection (h) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

89 (NEW) (h) Any recovery of pension costs from an appropriated or
90 nonappropriated source other than the General Fund or Special
91 Transportation Fund that causes the payments to the State Employees
92 Retirement System to exceed the actuarially determined employer
93 contribution for any fiscal year shall be deposited into the State
94 Employees Retirement Fund as an additional employer contribution at
95 the end of such fiscal year.

96 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2022*) (a) As used in this section:

97 (1) "State agency electric vehicle charging station" means an electric
98 component assembly or cluster of component assemblies designed
99 specifically to charge electric vehicles by permitting the transfer of
100 electric energy to a battery or other storage device used in an electric
101 vehicle that is owned and operated by a state agency on state property;

102 (2) "State property" means real property owned by a state agency;

103 (3) "State agency" means any state office, officer, department,
104 division, bureau, board and commission, permanent or temporary in
105 nature, whether in the legislative, executive or judicial branch, and the
106 subdivisions of each, including the constituent units of the state system
107 of higher education;

108 (4) "State employee" means any employee in the executive, legislative
109 or judicial branch of state government, whether in the classified or
110 unclassified service and whether full or part-time; and

111 (5) "Plug-in hybrid electric vehicle", "battery electric vehicle" and
112 "electric vehicle" have the same meanings as provided in section 16-
113 19eee of the general statutes.

114 (b) Each state agency may designate certain state agency electric
115 vehicle charging stations as available for public use, for the sole use of
116 state employees, or for a combination of both state employees and the
117 public. In designating such charging stations, state agencies shall give
118 consideration to state-owned properties that receive visitors conducting
119 business with state agencies, including, but not limited to, service
120 centers, maintenance facilities, correctional facilities, visitor centers,
121 health care facilities and recreational facilities.

122 (c) No person shall park a vehicle in a parking space equipped with
123 a state agency electric vehicle charging station unless such person is
124 charging a plug-in hybrid electric vehicle or battery electric vehicle.

125 (d) Each state agency may determine the appropriate maximum
126 charging time limits per user per charging session for its state agency
127 electric vehicle charging stations based upon the parking needs at the
128 state property where such charging stations are installed. Any such time
129 limits shall be posted at such charging stations. No person shall charge
130 a plug-in hybrid electric vehicle or battery electric vehicle in a space
131 equipped with a state agency electric vehicle charging station for a
132 period longer than the maximum time limit set by a state agency
133 pursuant to this subsection.

134 (e) State agencies shall assess and collect a fee established under
135 subsection (f) of this section to both public and state employee users of
136 state agency electric vehicle charging stations purchased and installed
137 on or after October 1, 2022, except that any user charging an electric
138 vehicle that is owned or leased by the state shall be exempt from paying
139 such fee. The amount of any fees assessed pursuant to this section shall
140 be posted at the charging station. Any fees collected under this section
141 shall be deposited into the fund of the state from which funds were
142 provided for the acquisition and installation of the charging station.

143 (f) The Department of Administrative Services, the Joint Committee
144 on Legislative Management and the Office of the Chief Court
145 Administrator shall, in consultation with the Department of Energy and
146 Environmental Protection, establish a reasonable fee for users of state
147 agency electric vehicle charging stations for their respective branch of
148 government at a level that recovers, to the maximum extent practicable,
149 the costs associated with the electricity used by the charging stations
150 and with operating and maintaining such charging stations. Such fees
151 shall be structured on a per-kilowatt-hour basis. The fees shall be
152 updated on an annual basis or sooner if deemed necessary by the branch
153 of government setting the fee. The Department of Administrative
154 Services shall post any fees established for the executive branch of
155 government pursuant to this subsection on its Internet web site.

156 (g) A violation of any provision of subsection (c) or (d) of this section
157 shall be an infraction, provided the provisions of this subsection shall
158 not apply to an emergency vehicle, as defined in section 14-283 of the
159 general statutes.

160 Sec. 5. Section 21a-420f of the 2022 supplement to the general statutes
161 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
162 *passage*):

163 (a) (1) There is established an account to be known as the "cannabis
164 regulatory and investment account" which shall be a separate,
165 nonlapsing account within the General Fund. The account shall contain
166 any moneys required by law to be deposited in the account. Moneys in
167 the account shall be allocated by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
168 Management, in consultation with the Social Equity Council, as defined
169 in section 21a-420, to state agencies for the purpose of paying costs
170 incurred to implement the activities authorized under RERACA, as
171 defined in section 21a-420.

172 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 21a-420e, for the fiscal
173 year ending June 30, 2022, the following shall be deposited in the
174 cannabis regulatory and investment account: (A) All fees received by

175 the state pursuant to section 21a-421b and subdivisions (1) to (11),
176 inclusive, of subsection (c) of section 21a-420e; (B) the tax received by
177 the state under section 12-330ll; and (C) the tax received by the state
178 under chapter 219 from a cannabis retailer, hybrid retailer or micro-
179 cultivator, as those terms are defined in section 12-330ll.

180 (b) (1) There is established an account to be known as the "social
181 equity and innovation account" which shall be a separate, nonlapsing
182 account within the General Fund. The account shall contain any moneys
183 required by law to be deposited in the account. Moneys in the account
184 shall be allocated by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
185 Management, in consultation with the Social Equity Council, to state
186 agencies for the purpose of (A) paying costs incurred by the Social
187 Equity Council, [as defined in section 21a-420, and] (B) administering
188 programs under RERACA to provide (i) access to capital for businesses,
189 (ii) technical assistance for the start-up and operation of a business, (iii)
190 funding for workforce education, and (iv) funding for community
191 investments, and (C) paying costs incurred to implement the activities
192 authorized under RERACA.

193 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 21a-420e and 21a-
194 420o, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, the following shall be
195 deposited in the social equity and innovation account: All fees received
196 by the state pursuant to sections 21a-420l, 21a-420o and 21a-420u and
197 subdivisions (12) and (13) of subsection (c) of section 21a-420e.

198 (c) (1) On and after July 1, 2022, there is established a fund to be
199 known as the "Social Equity and Innovation Fund" which shall be a
200 separate, nonlapsing fund. The fund shall contain any moneys required
201 by law to be deposited in the fund and shall be held by the Treasurer
202 separate and apart from all other moneys, funds and accounts. Moneys
203 in the fund shall be appropriated for the purposes of providing the
204 following: Access to capital for businesses; technical assistance for the
205 start-up and operation of a business; funding for workforce education;
206 [and] funding for community investments; and paying costs incurred to
207 implement the activities authorized under RERACA. All such

208 appropriations shall be dedicated to expenditures that further the
209 principles of equity, as defined in section 21a-420.

210 (2) (A) For the purposes of subdivision (1) of this subsection, for the
211 fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, and for each fiscal year thereafter, the
212 Social Equity Council shall transmit, for even-numbered years,
213 estimates of expenditure requirements and for odd-numbered years,
214 recommended adjustments and revisions, if any, of such estimates, to
215 the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, in the manner
216 prescribed for a budgeted agency under subsection (a) of section 4-77.
217 The council shall recommend for each fiscal year commencing with the
218 fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, appropriate funding for all credits
219 payable to angel investors that invest in cannabis businesses pursuant
220 to section 12-704d.

221 (B) The Office of Policy and Management may not make adjustments
222 to any such estimates or adjustments and revisions of such estimates
223 transmitted by the council. Notwithstanding any provision of the
224 general statutes or any special act, the Governor shall not reduce the
225 allotment requisitions or allotments in force pursuant to section 4-85 or
226 make reductions in allotments in order to achieve budget savings in the
227 General Fund, concerning any appropriations made by the General
228 Assembly for the purposes of subdivision (1) of this subsection.

229 (d) On and after July 1, 2022, there is established a fund to be known
230 as the "Prevention and Recovery Services Fund" which shall be a
231 separate, nonlapsing fund. The fund shall contain any moneys required
232 by law to be deposited in the fund and shall be held by the Treasurer
233 separate and apart from all other moneys, funds and accounts. Moneys
234 in the fund shall be appropriated for the purposes of (1) substance abuse
235 prevention, treatment and recovery services, and (2) collection and
236 analysis of data regarding substance use. The Social Equity Council may
237 make recommendations to any relevant state agency regarding
238 expenditures to be made for the purposes set forth in this subsection.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	12-71e
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	4-66l(c)
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	5-156a
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	New section
Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>	21a-420f

APP *Joint Favorable Subst.*